

Board Meeting **Bedford Council on Aging**

Date: June 9th 2015

Chair: Roberta Ennis

Director: Alison Cservenschi

Attendance: Lou DiNapoli, Lenore Dichard, Polly Salter, Rosemary Dyer, Selectman Moonan

Excused: Lou Putney

Absent: Arthur Walsh

Guest: Alan Morgan

1. Welcome:

- RE introduced Alan Morgan who applied for open board position.
- Pending Selectman interview. RE will ask to move this along as positions are open.
- Currently 2 openings (Pine and Gerdes).
- 1 Term Expires (Walsh) which has not been renewed as of the date of the meeting, resulting in 3 vacancies.
- 4 people have expressed interest in open board positions, pending Selectman selection and approval.

2. Minutes:

- January (01-13-15) Minutes: approved, accepted.

3. Financial Report

- AC described the Formula Grant and reasons behind the remaining balance and its usage in the past.
- Fiscal Year ends June 2015 and unspent monies need to be spent to \$0 to ensure full payment for the next fiscal year. The COA staff have been working on a wish list and ordering through June.
- RE requested the board receive the Guidelines of the Grant for Board review and suggestions/assistance to use the remaining balance. RE also suggested an emergency meeting could be called, if needed before the end of the fiscal year.

4. Subcommittee Reports

FBCOA

- No new updates.

Minuteman

- PS reported the budget was in for approval for FY16.
- 6.4M budget is at the State Senate and House level for approval.
- There is hope to raise the income level for eligibility of senior services.
- This eligibility expansion could provide more access for home care for seniors and also raise pay for home care workers.
- RD asked if people were falling through the cracks in regards to their care.
- PS felt that generally people were aware of the care options and were already on subsidized care. She also mentioned that Minuteman was an agency available for those on subsidized care.

5. Old Business

- No old business

6. New Business

Volunteer Opportunities

- AC outlined the available opportunities at the COA and working again with the Middlesex Community College in the fall with their work/study students.
- Volunteer Luncheon Review
- 76 people attended including Representative Ken Gordon and Chief Bongiorno. Overall well attended.
- The hope is to continue the annual event and perhaps have volunteers come to the COA to get nametags with their Volunteer roles next year, to help organize a little better.

By-Laws

- RD requested monthly meetings which will be discussed by RE and AC in a follow up meeting at the end of June.

Board Members

- RE discussed open positions and 4 people who had expressed interest and the need to get the applicants to the next Selectman's meeting, possibly in July.

Transport

- LD spoke about a connection she knows taking advantage of transport in Waltham.
- Discussion about The MBTA Ride and the application process.
- RD mentioned that The MBTA Ride came to the house of her friend to complete the application and the applicant did not have to go into Boston to complete the form.
- LD mentioned she used The MBTA Ride and has used it for longer trips, not just short trips.
- Request from board for more info on the Ride. RE requested Wendy Aronson provide info at the next meeting.

Selectman Moonan's Report

- Selectmen are in their administrative processes at this time.
- Discussion on Coast Guard housing, calls being made to move the process along but it will take time.
- Report on road and sewer work around town taking most of the summer.